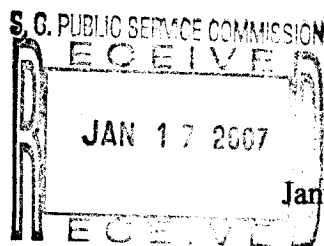


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January 15, 2007

Public Service Commission of S.C.
P.O. Box 11649
Columbia, SC 29211
Attn.: Mr. Charles Terreni

Dear Mr. Terreni:

I am writing in favor of net metering in South Carolina. I believe that it is the right thing to do both for the environment and our state's economy. I have seriously considered installing solar panels on my house in the past and was daunted by the cost of a battery system to store energy. Even if I were to invest in a battery system, the environmental cost of eventual battery disposal and replacement would be prohibitive. It makes good, solid sense to use the grid as a place to send excess electricity. I understand the safety concerns of the utility companies for their workers. I also am quite confident that technology is available to provide adequate protection. From an economic development standpoint, the purchase and installation of solar panels on houses will stimulate our state's economy. And this may lead to the growth of small business to support such efforts with its concurrent job creation and tax base expansion.

My father is a retired professional engineer and business owner. He is seriously considering installing solar panels and also would like to see net metering as an option. The cost and storage space as well as maintenance of a battery system has quickly overshadowed any chance of recuperating his initial cost and thus becomes a discouragement for an otherwise mutually beneficial endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Scott O'Neal". The signature is fluid and written in dark ink.

Scott O'Neal